GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Funds for MDMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the ongoing projects in the country under the "Mid-Day Meal" scheme in the country;
(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details of the funds allocated and spent by the Government for the Mid-Day Meal scheme in the country including Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year;
(c) the total number of cases of distributing worm infested food and serving harmful food under the "Mid-Day Meal" scheme that have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including the persons punished or acquitted in each of the above said cases;
(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the prescribed amount for food under Mid-Day Meal and also change the current system; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a): The Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is implemented in partnership with States/UTs. The Government reviews the Scheme regularly through Programme Approval Board, Regional Workshops and Joint Review Missions (JRMs).
(b): The State/UT-wise details of the funds, released and spent by the Government for MDMS in the country including Jharkhand during the last 3 years and current year are given at Annexure-I.
(c): A total of 121 complaints with regard to poor quality of the meals under the Scheme have been reported across the country during the last 3 years and current year. The Statewise and year-wise details of such cases and action taken thereon are given at Annexure-II.
(d) &(e):The cooking cost which includes the cost of vegetables, pulses, oil, condiments and fuel is being upwardly revised annually by 7.5% since 01.04.2010. The present cooking cost has been increased by 7% w.e.f. 01.07.2016 and it now stands at Rs.4.13 and Rs.6.18 per child per day for primary and upper primary children respectively.
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